

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

:

Case No. 3:07-mj-242

-vs-

Chief Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

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LAKEISHA BURNEY,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

:

Case No. 3:07-mj-243

-vs-

Chief Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

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VERNELL BURNEY,

Defendant.

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**RECUSAL AND TRANSFER ORDER**

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All judges at the Dayton location of court are unable to proceed in these matters and hereby recuse themselves. The matters are hereby referred to Magistrate Judge Black, the current duty magistrate judge at the Cincinnati location of court, for preliminary examination and detention hearing. Should the Defendants or either of them be indicted, it is respectfully requested that Chief Judge Beckwith provide for the assignment of the resulting criminal case to a district judge resident at the Cincinnati location of court.

October 16, 2007.

s/ **Michael R. Merz**  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge

copies:       The Honorable Sandra S. Beckwith  
                  The Honorable Thomas M. Rose  
                  The Honorable Walter Herbert Rice  
                  The Honorable Sharon L. Ovington  
                  The Honorable Timothy Black  
                  Vipal Patel  
                  Cheryll Bennett  
                  Aaron Durden